

"Being an Effective Witness for Christ"
John 1:19-34 (John 3:22-36)

"I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." Matthew 11:11

How can you be an effective witness for Christ?

1. Jesus uses those who are willing – availability.
2. Jesus uses anyone who fears God more than people – boldness.

"God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

3. Jesus uses people who know who they are and aren't – self-denial.

Principle: Get over yourself – everyone else has.

4. Jesus uses those who have a servant's heart – humility.
5. Jesus uses those who are totally committed – surrender.

If you want to be an effective witness like John the Baptizer:

1. Ask God this week for the wisdom to know who you are.
2. Ask God for the humility to know who you are not.

"Lord, help me understand who I am. The gifts you've given me, the calling you've given me. Don't let me think that humility is denying those gifts or calling. That's part of what you made me to be. Lord, help me to understand who I am not. And then make a lifelong commitment to discovering who Jesus is."